

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 constitute the pending claims in the present application. In a telephone conference on June 3, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 11 were substantial duplicates and that one of these claims must therefore be cancelled. Applicants submit that the two claims plainly are of differing scope and can be validly presented in the same application. However, solely to expedite allowance of the remaining claims, Applicants have cancelled claim 10 as the Examiner suggested. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims of similar or differing scope in subsequent applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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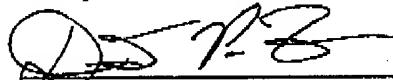
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